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VIRGINIA TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in the country where Virginia tobacco is produced;

(b) the total production and export of Virginia tobacco in the country during the last three years and the current year, till date, State-wise, year-wise; and

(c) the number of Virginia tobacco farmers helped by the Tobacco Board in different parts of the country during the above years, year-wise, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) In India majority of Flue Cured Virginia Tobacco is produced in different areas in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.A very small quantity is produced in the Orissa and Maharashtra.

(b) The total production and export of Virginia tobacco in the country during the last three years and the current year, till date, State-wise, year-wise are given below:-
(Quantity: in tons)

Year	Andhra Pradesh crop		Karnataka Crop	
	Production	Export	Production	Export
2004-05	153000	64192	90340	41225
2005-06	145360	67764	82910	41811
2006-07	171950	72293	96980	48007
2007-08	167000	Not Available	87660	Not Available

(Estimated)

According to Tobacco Board, total FCV exports in 2007-08 are around 124525 tons.

(c) The number of Virginia tobacco farmers benefited by the various schemes operated by the Tobacco Board is given below:

Year	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka

	including Orissa and Maharashtra	
	No. of beneficiary	No. of beneficiary
2004-05	6907	16207
2005-06	6066	7120
2006-07	15150	2228
2007-08	8046	7143

(Provisional)